

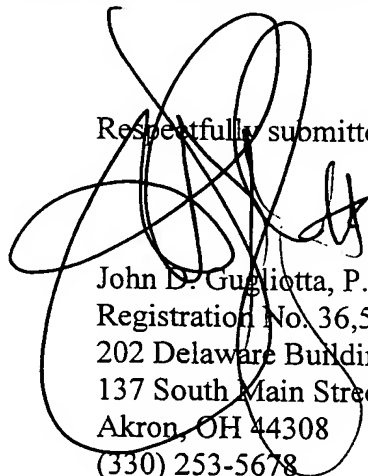
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 6 was considered allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 6 was canceled and Claim 1 was amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 6. All the remaining claims, including the method claims 59-62 are dependent on this claim.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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